growth rate of All India Mobile Subscriber Base has ranged from 3 to 4.6 per cent in the current financial year as compared with the growth rate of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), which is 2 to 5.3 per cent.

(b) The growth of mobile subscriber base of BSNL is given below, which clearly indicate that mobile subscriber base of BSNL is not stagnant.

Sl. No.	Subscriber connections as on	Total Cellular Subscriber Connections
1.	31.03.2003	22,56,288
2.	31.03.2004	52,54,117
3.	31.03.2005	94,47,357
4.	30.04.2005	97,11,236
5.	31.05.2005	99,07,046
6.	30.06.2005	1,02,51,184
7.	31.07.2005	1,07,66,698
8.	31.08.2005	1,13,47,445
9.	30.09.2005	1,19,00,334
10.	31.10.2005	1,25,12,973

The Government has not considered any subsidy to the mobile subscribers as tariffs for Cellular Mobile Telephones Service are not regulated.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Competitive bid for NLD business

166. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to constitute Competition Commission which will look into the economic development by preventing anticompetitive practices, protect customers interest and ensure freedom of trade;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the date of constitution of the Commission;

(c) whether Government are aware that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) exercise dominant power over competition in areas like Fixed Lines and not allow competitive bids for its NLD business; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has been established on 14-10-2003. The details about CCI are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Statement

Details regarding Competition Commission of India

Composition:

The Competition Commission of India (CCI), as provided under the Competition Act, 2002, was established on 14-10-2003 comprising a Chairperson and 2 to 10 other Members. So far only one Member has been appointed in the CCI and full functioning of the Commission has not yet been started.

Main Objective:

The main objectives of the Commission are to prevent practices having adverse effect on competition, to promote and sustain competition in markets, to protect the interests of consumers and to ensure freedom of trade carried on by participants in market, in India, and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Present Status:

Some of the provisions of the Competition Act and the Selection rules framed therein were challenged in Madras High Court and Supreme Court. During the hearing before the Supreme Court, Government filed an additional

affidavit proposing certain amendments in the Act to meet the concerns raised in the Writ Petitions. Consequently, the Supreme Court closed the Writ Petition declining to pronounce on the matters argued before it, leaving open all questions regarding the validity of the enactment to be decided after the amendment of the Act. Accordingly, amendments to the Competition Act are under examination of the Government. These are expected to be introduced shortly with appropriate approvals. After the amendments are enacted, the Commission would be made fully functional.

Income from outsourcing consultancy services

167. SHRIMATI SUKHBANS KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has emerged as a leader in the ITES sector in regard to outsourcing consultancy services;

(b) if so, the total income from such services during 2002, 2003, 2004 and that expected during the current year, from Western European countries, US and Canada and other outsourcing countries;

(c) the percentage of world ITES outsourcing business transacted during these years captured and performed by consultancy players in India during these years; and

(d) the other competing countries in the business, and what incentives are given and being given to Indian players in the business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The total IT Software exports and exports from ITES sector (outsourcing) during the years 2002 to 2005 are as follows:

(in Rs. Crore)

Year	Total IT Software Exports (including ITES)	ITES
2002-03	46,100	10,500
2003-04	58,240	16,500
2004-05	78,230	23,300
2005-06 (Expected)	100,000 (USD 22.5 billion)	32,000 (USD 7.3 billion)